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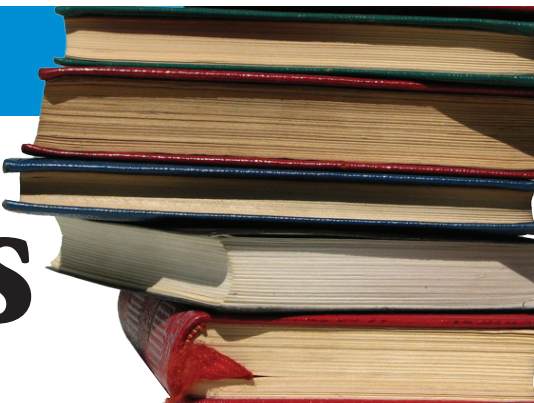
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The Maine Campus



Photo courtesy of Laura Reed
Three-time Olympic gold medalist Ian Crocker visited UMaine on Sunday, Sept. 27. The Portland native was on hand for the Cub Tracks Youth Triathlon.

UMaine removes work merit program

By Jennifer Vincent
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

The University of Maine’s work merit program has been suspended for the 2009-2010 school year. The decision was finalized and announced last spring after a monthlong process, which included a review by Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Susan Hunter.

Work merit is a 20-year-old program coordinated by the offices of Financial Aid and Student Employment.

“It was created to recognize academic excellence with jobs that enhanced a student’s academic career,” said Peggy Crawford,

director of financial aid.

Work merit was paid for by the Office of Financial Aid using \$95,000 it received from the education and general fund budget each year. Juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher could apply for the 100 \$1,000 awards. Students who applied for the program were responsible for finding their own academically challenging project, usually with a professor in their department of study. Once a project was approved, it was up to the student and his or her advisor or employer to agree on a schedule and wages while staying within the \$1,000 range.

The decision to find an academically challenging project by the student presents one of the several challenges of work merit, and is one of the reasons it is not available this year. Crawford

cites a lack of criteria for assessing work merit applications as another reason.

“We need a committee, or someone outside of the department with a more academic orientation, to decide what qualifies as an academically challenging project,” Crawford said. With many students facing financial hardship in the current economy, there is also a question of whether need should come before merit. “For us in this office, it’s a balancing act,” she said.

The program is still a priority for both financial aid and student employment.

“We fully believe in recognizing students who are excelling. There is not enough of that on campus, and this was a small way we could do that,” Crawford said. The two departments hope to

come together in late fall or early winter to begin restructuring the work merit program.

“Our hope would be that we would have a work merit program again next year,” said Connie Smith, associate director of Student Employment.

According to Smith, there have been few student complaints about the elimination of work merit.

“My guess is that most students have been able to keep their jobs and the departments they work for have found other resources for them,” Smith said.

UMaine’s Writing Center is one university program that has kept its student workers. The center paid about 25 percent of its employees through work merit

See Merit on 4

Bowdoin College continues to combat swine flu

By William P. Davis
Editor In Chief

Student Health

Of Maine’s colleges and universities, Bowdoin has been hit the worst by swine flu.

Bowdoin has identified 167 students with flu-like symptoms since the start of school as of Sept. 28, according to Scott Hood, Bowdoin’s vice president for communication and public affairs. Maine’s Department of Health verified eight cases of swine flu on Bowdoin’s campus on Sept. 8, and the department suspended testing once it had confirmed H1N1 was present on the campus.

The University of Maine has identified 15 people with flu-like illness since the beginning of the school year, said Director of University Relations Joe Carr. None of the cases have been confirmed as H1N1. Carr said the number includes seven

students who live on campus, six employees who work on campus, one student who lives off campus and one employee at a remote location. Carr said most have recovered and returned to school or work.

Bowdoin has attempted to contain the spread of swine flu by encouraging students to go home if they get sick, placing

any medicines to reduce fever.

Bowdoin does not send students home; those who have left school lived relatively close to campus and did so voluntarily.

Hood said students generally recover in “two to three days. They come in, they’re sick for a couple days and then they’re OK and they’re back. So they’re not staying in isolation very long.”

Scott Hood
Vice President for Communication and Public Affairs at Bowdoin

Bowdoin students in isolation are brought meals by food services and visited by health services to keep them from leaving their rooms.

Vaccinations against the seasonal flu are currently available on campus, Carr said, and the university will set up a vaccination clinic for swine flu. Vaccinations against swine flu are currently available on campus, Carr said, and the university will set up a vaccination clinic for swine flu. Vaccinations against swine flu are currently available on campus, Carr said, and the university will set up a vaccination clinic for swine flu.

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‘Cash for kitchens,’ designated driving and fair-weather fans

UM reports crime decrease since ’05

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Campus Safety

Crime rates at the University of Maine have been declining since 2005, according to a Public Safety 2008 crime statistics report released Sept. 30.

UMaine experienced 35 arsons in 2005, 229 drug law violations and 488 liquor law violations. Arson on campus dropped from 35 to 20 in 2006, 22 in 2007 and 11 in 2008. Drug law violations declined to 145 in 2006, 128 in 2007 and 131 in 2008. Liquor law violations jumped to 632 in 2006, but then dropped to 591 in 2007 and 288 in 2008. Violations include arrests and judicial referrals.

“Arsons are, by definition, are something as simple as people walking by a piece of paper and putting a scorch mark on it with a lighter,” said Public Safety police investigator Chris Gardner.

Sexual offenses on campus went from five in 2005 to 11 in 2006, eight in 2007 and seven in 2008.

“The numbers are pretty consistent from year to year,” Gardner said. “There’s not any big fluctuations.”

Gardner said people often think UMaine is a “utopia or something; that we live in a guarded gated community and crimes don’t happen, but we’re no different than any other community. ... We become a big city every day.”

Gardner said UMaine’s crime statistics are relatively average for a campus its size.

The University of Southern Maine has had 10 sexual offenses and 36 cases of arson cumulatively since 2006, according to its own crime statistics report.

UMaine employs several programs to combat crime on campus, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Dana, including the alcohol and drug education programs, community policing, the conduct office and No Place For Hate. The conduct office is an “early intervention program where students and others who run afoul of rules and expectations get quickly attended to and these issues get addressed and that sends a message to the whole community [that] there are high expectations here,” Dana said.

“Students suspected of violating the student conduct code ... can be referred to the student conduct office,” said Director of University Relations Joe Carr.

No Place For Hate is a new campus program designed to combat incivility, violence and intolerance at UMaine, Dana said.

“We are not going to tolerate the schisms and the factions that create a culture of hate, mistrust and all of the things that come with that,” Dana said.

Dana said UMaine has become active in combating crime on campus in recent years, and added the crime statistics are a great asset to that endeavor.

“We’ve been doing it in all sorts of different ways,” Dana said. “When we determine when there’s an area for intervention or early intervention we go right

See Crime on 4

Student Senate takes stance on TABOR II

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

Student Senate

After approving two resolutions at its Sept. 29 meeting, General Student Senate took a stance on TABOR II and decided it will no longer compensate executive positions during summers.

Sen. Nate Wildes introduced a resolution on behalf of the Legislative Relations Committee titled An Act to Promote Discussion and Self-Education Regarding the Effects of TABOR II on the Undergraduate Student Population at the University of Maine. Wildes said it is “not taking a stance. It’s meant to be a resolution about a specific policy,” adding that the Legislative Relations Committee did not pass the resolution unanimously.

After presenting the resolution, Wildes and others were surprised by Sen. Ben Goodman’s amendment to the resolution.

Goodman’s amendment changed the title to An Act to Recognize the Potential Detrimental Effects of TABOR on the Undergraduate Student Population at the University of Maine and added language language that took a stronger opposition to TABOR.

The resolution says: “Be it resolved that we, the General Student Senate of the University of Maine Student Government, Inc. believe that the consequences of a law such as TABOR will have

detrimental and far-reaching effects on the Undergraduate Student population at the University of Maine. Therefore, in order to encourage the sustainability and viability of the University of Maine System we hereby reaffirm our 2006 stance that Student Government, Inc. stands strongly opposed to TABOR.”

Vice President Ross Wolland ruled the amendment as “out of order,” citing its intent to “otherwise influence legislation” as defined by Student Government’s Constitution. Sens. Nelson Carson and James Lyons offered constitutional evidence that led to a majority rule, appealing Wolland’s motion — allowing GSS to consider Sen. Goodman’s amendment, which Goodman explained.

“First, it changes the title of the act [and it] reflects the possible detrimental effects on the student population of Maine. TABOR [II] would be a grave danger to this campus and university system. Therefore we once again stand in opposition of TABOR [III],” Goodman said, who credited Sens. Peter Christopher and Joseph Nabozny as co-sponsors of the amendment.

“We need to be the voice for the student body. ... We can’t be used as a conduit for our own beliefs. If we’re going to pass resolutions that directly relate to student body opinion then we should have the student body opinion,” Carson said.

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Sports - 12
Top squads head to Orono for Murray Keatinge

Student SAFARI

New campus group wild about animal rights

By Jessie Darkis
For The Maine Campus

Animal rights and an animal-free lifestyle are interests that weren't always at the forefront at the University of Maine. Now the Student Action for Animal Rights Initiative is making its case known.

SAFARI was founded this semester by Laura Andersen, a third-year early childhood education student and her friend Kristie Flowers, a fourth-year journalism student. Their hopes for the club to educate the student body about pressing animal welfare issues and to create an accepting community for students who feel estranged due to their lifestyle or beliefs.

They have attracted a fair amount of interest in the club. The club held its first meeting Sept. 29, with 10 people in attendance.

Projects are already under way.

SAFARI will be hosting a 1.5-mile walk on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m., with the majority of the proceeds benefiting the Bangor Humane Society. The walk is tentatively set to start on the mall by Fogler Library and loop around campus. A \$5 donation is requested to participate.

SAFARI plans to actively volunteer in other areas of the community. Plans are in the works for other events such as bake sales in

rights, or a lifestyle free of animal products, Laura Andersen and Flowers were left with nothing but their own ideas.

"We were talking about it, and we were like, 'well, if we want this to happen and we want changes to be made on campus, we're going to have to start it ourselves,'" Laura Andersen said.

Laura Andersen and Flowers are familiar with the struggles that come along with their cruelty-free lifestyles. These complications play a predominant role in the ideals and origin of the club. Laura Andersen has worked up to a raw vegan lifestyle, starting as a vegetarian in high school. Flowers also started as a vegetarian, and gradually became vegan.

"I went vegan in May because I actually lived on campus, and it was really hard to be vegan. There's not a lot of options, so I waited until summer so I could pick my own food," Flowers said.

Although there are already some vegetarian and vegan alternatives on campus, there's not much variety. SAFARI hopes to work with the university to expand dining options.

"I know that there are a lot of vegetarians and vegans that live on campus that are having a hard time with the dining plan," Laura Andersen said. "We can try to work with the campus and try to make changes to suit the needs of students, faculty, and whoever else."

"They do already have some vegetarian and vegan options, but I know that when I was a freshman and lived on campus, all the vegan meals were stir-fry ... and I got sick of it."

The members of SAFARI hope to

"We have people of all strains, from people who eat meat, to the extreme of raw vegan, and everywhere in between. Everyone's accepted and everyone's welcome to join and learn more."

Laura Andersen
Founder
SAFARI

the Memorial Union and guest speakers. Although the speakers are not definite yet, the group hopes to bring members from Maine Friends of Animals or the Maine Animal Coalition to campus.

"We have people of all strains, from people that eat meat, to the extreme of raw vegan, and everywhere in between. Everyone's accepted and everyone's welcome to join and learn more," Laura Andersen said.

"I'm not vegetarian, but I am interested in animal rights, and I adjust my diet accordingly," said Ben Andersen, a fourth-year sociology student and member of SAFARI.

After searching last semester for a club that expressed interest in animal

not only spread the knowledge they have but to provide comfort for students feeling alienated for their lifestyle choice.

"They get attacked a lot for their diet," Ben Andersen said. "It would be good for them to just have other people as a resource, to make friends with similar interests, and to work together to create some sort of awareness."

"If you even just say vegetarian or vegan, people think 'oh my god, PETA followers, they're crazy; they're psycho,'" Flowers said. "They just don't listen. We just want to have a place where these people can go and meet other people that share the same opinions as them, and meet new friends."

ROTC seeks to increase recruitment

By **Sara Breau**
Staff Reporter

Student Orgs

ROTC programs on campuses nationwide are making an effort to increase the number of students participating in the military program and especially the number of second lieutenants produced each year. The University of Maine is no exception.

“The army as a whole has a large officer campaign program going on,” said Major James A. Karcanes, an assistant professor of military science at UMaine. “The army, for the first time in its history, is actually campaigning and recruiting for officers because we’re trying to increase our officer strength in the army and ROTC produces 75 percent of the army’s officers.”

This effort is occurring at ROTC programs across the nation. Paul Kotakis, spokesman for the U.S. Army Cadet Command, said in an interview with Mercury News that they are being asked to produce more second lieutenants.

The increased demand for second lieutenants is prompted by the army’s efforts to boost its overall numbers. A more pressing answer can be found by looking overseas.

“Because of the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and multiple deployments, a number of officers are getting out. The army is also trying to increase their overall numbers by roughly 40,000, and we need an increase in officers to go with that. But yes, there have been a lot of junior level officers getting out after their service requirement so we’re trying to fill in that gap,” Karcanes said.

The UMaine has about 75 people in the program, some



Edward Fontaine • Assistant Photo Editor

“One of the best things about ROTC, in my opinion, is that there is huge emphasis on grades. Obviously along with teaching leadership skills, the other main focus is grades and finishing college. I know that for me, if I was not in ROTC, my grades would not be as good as they are now,” said ROTC member Steven Hansen.

of whom participate from other campuses, including University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington, University College of Bangor, Thomas College and roughly 20 members who operate from Husson University.

“I think it’s a good opportunity for students to experience what it’s like to be in the armed forces, plus it gives them an opportunity to become leaders,” said third-year environmental

law student Thomas Conley.

While the reasons for joining ROTC differ depending on the individual, there are some key factors that influence the majority of participants, according to Karcanes.

“They want to serve the country in some capacity, or they’re drawn to the military lifestyle. The biggest thing is leadership opportunities. They’re going to gain leadership and management skills that can help them in

any job, even outside the military,” Karcanes said.

Another incentive for potential members is the assistance ROTC can provide with college expenses. This year, the UMaine ROTC program awarded six full-year scholarships, which covered all student expenses except for room and board. Contracted cadets also receive a monthly stipend of \$300 to \$500, as well as a \$1,200 book allowance.

“We have two different types of cadets,” Karcanes said. “Those who are just participating in the program — they’re enrolled, but they haven’t signed paperwork to commit that once they graduate and are commissioned they’ll come in the army.” Then there are cadets who have signed a contract making a commitment to serve time in the army. “Anyone that receives a scholarship has to contract. Roughly half

you can handle stress, you can work with people and basically, for any job I can imagine, it’s going to look good.”

Hanson enlisted in the military at the age of 17 and is a member of the ROTC program at UMaine.

“If you plan the military out to work with you, then it will and it will be one of the greatest choices you ever make. But if you don’t do that, and you kind of just go by what other people say and wing it then you’re going to end up making a wrong choice,” Hanson said.

Those participating in ROTC have said it carries over to other aspects of their student life.

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About 33 percent of UMaine’s ROTC cadets are also members of the Maine National Guard. Members of the ROTC staff will be present at the UMaine football game Oct. 3 to speak with interested students about the program.

“The best thing is to come talk to us in person and we can find out if they meet the criteria,” Karcanes said. Major Darryl Lyon is the enrollment officer and works out of the ROTC office located in the field house.

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Thomas Conley
Student
Environmental Law

of our 75 are contracted, so we know they’re going to be getting commissioned.”

Members of ROTC participate because of a variety of incentives, but the major factor is what campuses nationwide are working toward: producing officers.

“ROTC worked out for me mainly because I’m in college right now — it was more college money and I also want to be an officer,” said second-year computer science student Adam Hanson. “The officer’s point is to administrate the military and to keep it running. ROTC gives you a lot of options once you get out. When you complete ROTC you’re a second lieutenant, which is an officer rank, and there’s a lot of respect for that. Basically that carries over to the rest of your life. Anyone who sees that is going to know that

UM, Cutler fight child obesity

By **Kaitlynn Perreault**
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

The University of Maine Cutler Health Center started a program designed to diminish the child obesity rates in the state of Maine on Aug. 10.

The program — called WOW, which stands for “the Way to Optimal Weight,” — focuses on personal goal setting. The program provides medical intervention, education and physical activity to young people from the ages of 4 to 19, hoping to keep them motivated to make healthier choices for the rest of their lives.

“As I tell my 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-year-olds, ‘I want you to have these habits till you’re 105,’” said pediatrician Valerie O’Hara. “Just like I tell them to brush their teeth every morning and night, ‘I want you to brush your teeth till you’re 105.’”

The program gives overweight individuals the chance to have a personalized treatment of health-related issues while gaining access to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center at UMaine. The program, which is lead by O’Hara, involves about six other individuals who come together to make the team effort, giving patients the personalized health routines they believe are necessary to achieve a healthier tomorrow.

“We found that if we sent them to the dietician and then said ‘Oh, by the way, find a place to exercise and come back next month,’ it was really overwhelming [for the patient],” O’Hara said. “So we asked, ‘How could we do things a little more comprehensively for families and maybe make it a little easier?’”

When children first enter the program, they have their initial visit with O’Hara and also see registered nurse Starr Johnston.

Children go through three stages: During phase one they have eight weekly sessions; phase two they have six monthly sessions; and phase three they have quarterly visits or at most 12 visits, as the child thinks they are needed. With each visit to O’Hara and Johnston, they also see their personal trainer, Sarah Livingstone, for at least 30 minutes of activity, exercising in whatever way they desire. This gives the program a unique group collaboration that Livingstone says really adds to the program.

“With our team we encompass all pieces of wellness,” Livingstone said. “Sometimes they’ll tell me something different that they didn’t mention to either of them [Johnston or

“We’re the most overweight, obese state in New England.”

Starr Johnston
Nurse

O’Hara], and so we bring all those pieces together when we kind of sit down and discuss like, ‘What is it that they need to work on?’ so we have that collaborative piece. It’s really fantastic.”

The program also involves UMaine graduate students in the departments of psychology, athletics, the school of nursing and some involved in nutrition and dietary programs. With so many people involved attending to just one child’s health needs, Livingstone, O’Hara and Johnston hope to slowly start dwindling the obesity rate in Maine.

“We’re the most overweight, obese state in New England,” Johnston said. “You know how many times I’ve heard that recently? It’s crazy.”

Everyone behind the program says that a person’s willingness to change their lifestyle has to come from within. O’Hara says whatever goal a person wants to set is OK with her, as long as there is willingness behind it.

“It may not be the goal I would set for them, or initially what I think is most important,” O’Hara said, “but if they’re watching 18 hours of TV and they want to choose to go to skim milk, I’m OK with that.”

Sustainability initiative receives \$20 million

By **Maddy Glover**
Staff Reporter

Education

The University of Maine’s Experimental Program for Competitive Research — EPSCoR — has received a \$20 million from the National Science Foundation grant for the proposed Sustainability Solutions Initiative (SSI). The five-year initiative will improve the science and practice of sustainability development, create collaborative partnerships across the state and provide support for 200 to 300 jobs.

“It’s exciting that we have this opportunity,” said Vicki Nemeth, director of UMaine’s EPSCoR.

EPSCoR is a federal program that funds innovative research in states that would not otherwise be able to conduct such work with state funding alone. The UMaine EPSCoR office is responsible for the administration and implementation of the National Science Foundation grant in Maine.

An additional \$10 million will supplement the grant during the next five years. Additional funding includes \$1 million per year from the Maine Economic Improvement Fund and \$1 million per year from “in-kind” support — faculty salaries and use of research facilities. The 200 to 300 jobs supported by the grant and initiative will primarily be in the research sector, allowing UMaine to attract undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctorates and faculty.

The Sustainability Solutions Initiative is one of the six “multi-institutional, interdisciplinary proposals” selected by the National Science Foundation, after merit review for the grant, said National Science Foundation Public Affairs Specialist Maria Zacharias.

She described the initiative as “really cutting edge,” and applauded EPSCoR for “making sure that there’s competition for federal [research] dollars.”

Three years ago when David Hart, director of the Senator

George J. Mitchell Center and research director for the initiative, first took his position at the Mitchell Center — the headquarter of the initiative’s research portion — the proposal was still in its formative stages.

“[Three years ago] we were focusing quite a bit on how to grow to make [SSI] work,” Hart said.

“It’s the knowledge to action part, the key piece that’s been missing,” Nemeth said, speaking of a problem-solving style that characterizes SSI.

Translating knowledge into action is a part of what makes the initiative unique in their approach toward long-term ecological, economic and social problems. Collaboration with partners, stakeholders and students is the complementary part to the initiative’s problem-solving strategy. One of the initiative’s goals is to reshape Maine through the study of urbanization, forest ecosystem management and climate change.

“We’re helping to lead a big group of people,” Hart said. “We think teamwork will be key to the success of SSI ... engineers with people from economics ... that kind of partnership.”

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David Hart
Director of the Senator
George J. Mitchell Center

Partners and stakeholders range from Colby College to DeLorme, Inc.

In addition to collaborating with other colleges and universities in Maine, Nemeth points out cross-cutting aspects of the initiative — like the need for science, technology, engineering and mathematics emphasis in education, cyber infrastructure and work development. Those involved with the initiative are hopeful for the future development and continued involvement of Maine in sustainability issues. Hart agrees and wants to see the people of Maine recognize the value of the initiative’s approach to long-term problems — even after the initiative’s five years conclude.

Hart stressed the project’s magnitude.

“This is the biggest sustainable science grant given out. It puts Maine in the spotlight about one of the most challenging problems facing the planet,” Hart said.

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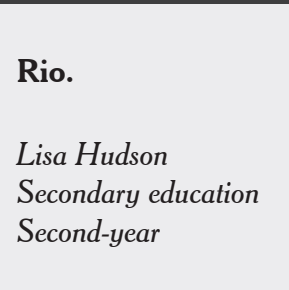
Word of Mouth

Where do you think the Olympic games should be held, Rio De Janero or Chicago?



Chicago.

Joseph Kyle
Business
Fourth-year



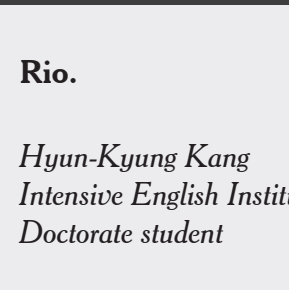
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Lisa Hudson
Secondary education
Second-year



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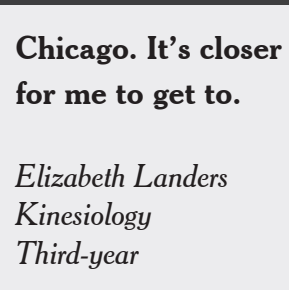
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Hyun-Kyung Kang
Intensive English Institute
Doctorate student



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Chris Burns
English and philosophy
Second-year



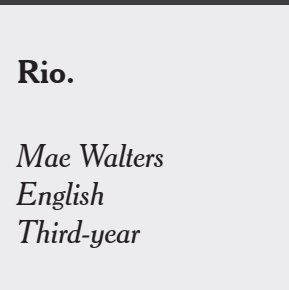
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Elizabeth Landers
Kinesiology
Third-year



Rio.

Sean McKee
New media
First-year



Rio.

Mae Walters
English
Third-year



Police Beat



The best from Orono, Old Town and UMaine's finest

Smirnoff in Somerset

A police officer on the third floor of Somerset Hall spied residents drinking through an open door at 11:27 p.m. Sept. 25. When the door opened, he saw five people inside and cans of Coors Light on a desk in the center of the room. When questioned, all the people admitted to being under 21 years old and to drinking alcohol. During questioning, another underage person returned from the bathroom and also admitted to drinking. They turned over 11 cans of Coors Light and two bottles of Smirnoff. Courtney Castongua, 18, Corinna; Elise Littlefield, 20, Hartland; Kelsey Plemmer, 18, Orono; Kelsey Surprenant, 18, Orono; Matthew Napierkowski, 19, Orono; and Justin Gagne, 18, Orono, were issued summonses for possession of liquor by a minor.

Jostled Jeep

A student parked her Jeep in the Hilltop Parking Lot on Sept. 25 and returned the next evening to find a glove compartment had been rifled through and CDs strewn on the vehicle floor. The only thing stolen was a resident parking decal. The case is under investigation.

Purse snatcher

A student left class and forgot her purse in room 101, Neville Hall, at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 28. When she returned five minutes later, she couldn't find it. The purse contained several ID cards and a bank card. The case is under investigation.

Too strong to be Tylenol

Police received a complaint of a man in Hilltop Quad of-

fering drugs to passersby at 1:48 p.m. Sept. 25. The report came through Campus Eyes, a Web-based reporting system on the University of Maine Public Safety Web site. He was described as a white male with a tan work jacket, jeans and black Converse shoes. An officer responded and found a male sitting on a park bench in the middle of the quad who matched the description. He was identified as Brian Tuttle, 18, Pownal. Upon investigation, police found Tuttle had a Tylenol bottle that contained eight capsules of Focalin, a prescription drug used for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, which he did not have a prescription for. He was arrested, transported to Penobscot County Jail and charged with possession of a scheduled drug.

Rushing away

Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity called police after witnessing three males steal the 3-foot-by-10-foot "Rush Fiji" banner from the front of their house on College Avenue at 11:07 p.m. on Sept. 26. The brothers caught them in the act but could not stop them from fleeing the area with the sign, which has an estimated value of \$100.

Andro no-no

Officers responded to the third floor of Androscoggin Hall after receiving report of an intoxicated male at 1:30 a.m. on Sept. 26. They located William Hay, 18, Orono, determined him to be intoxicated and issued him a summons for possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

Costly picnic table

Police received a report from Wells Central that a composite material picnic table had been damaged sometime during the weekend at 8:43 a.m. Sept. 27. Estimated damage is \$1,000.

Stolen Samsung

Resident assistants were conversing in the Hancock Hall lobby when they noticed the lounge TV was missing at 1:58 p.m. Sept. 27. The estimated value of the Samsung TV is \$428.49. The case is under investigation.

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Gmail fault strikes campuses, misses UMaine

By Bethany Lozada
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

A Google Applications bug resulted in students seeing each others' e-mail messages on university accounts throughout the country Sept. 10, a problem that almost struck the University of Maine. The problem affected an unknown number of universities.

Brown University was the first to report the incident to Google, according to University of Maine Executive Director of Information Technologies John Gregory.

"Google created a software that has a migrating tool where it can take old mail from the users' university accounts and put it into the Gmail account," said John Grover, associate director of Information Technology Sys-

tems at the University of Maine System. Google's migration tool contained the bug that resulted in the mix-up of e-mails.

In the Google Applications incident report the corporation sent to university administrators Sept. 14, "a problem in the IMAP migration tool caused the e-mail for a small number of users to be inadvertently migrated to another user's account in your domain during the IMAP migration process."

Google took action and stopped any migration processes and fixed everything before the majority of users could even notice.

"This was all done within hours," Grover said.

Although the problem was addressed in a short amount of time, "it still raises a concern ... we are watching it very closely," Gregory said.

The problem hit close to home at UMaine. According to Grover, the problem affected four users of the Gmail accounts within the University of Maine System. Google sent out the incident report to system administrators so they would be aware of the situation. The accounts were temporarily suspended by Google, which then gave permission of when to unlock them. No UMaine accounts were affected.

Kerry Anderson, system software analyst at the system IT department, said the administrators chosen to view the affected accounts had to go in and fix messages that didn't belong in the users' accounts.

"There basically was no impact," Anderson said.

Asked what was to be done in preparation for a possible incident of this happening again, Grover said "nothing that we can do ... I

emphasize that you can never be 100 percent sure of any piece of software. Google took very good steps to protect privacy of people. Anything is possible that could cause this problem."

The Google Engineering Team has taken precautionary steps to prevent a recurrence, such as "adding more cross-checks to the IMAP tool to avoid incorrect mappings in the future; implementing additional integration review between the IMAP migration and the user account access processes; performing an in-depth audit of the IMAP migration code to help prevent this class of error from occurring in the future," according to the report.

Anderson felt Google might've taken a little too long to notify university administrators about the incident, but it was likely due to Google being busy correcting the situation.

Crime from Page 1

there. ... That's the value of these statistics, it helps ensure no one place is rising up as a problem area."

Dana said UMaine uses the statistics to identify crime hot-spots on campus and then works to reduce that area's crime potential.

"Almost a decade ago we

had inadvertently changed staffing in one of the residence halls up on Hilltop, and that became a hotspot. Right now ... we don't have anything like that," Dana said. "All of the programs are designed to complement each other and come together to produce an environment of community where people have zero tolerance of crime, they're supporting each other and they don't have the conditions that create crime, such as isolation, anger, drug abuse, etc."

UMaine is required to release its statistics every year because of the Clery Act, a law implemented to inform potential students and employees about campuses' crime levels.

"Back many years ago, Jean Clery was student at Lee High University and she was raped and murdered. ... There was crimes going on in the resident hall where she was raped and murdered and they [Clery's parents] felt the university had a responsibility to no-

tify the students," Gardner said. "The whole purpose behind the legislation is so students can make an informed decision about where they want to go to school."

Gardner said the law also helps police officers decide whether they want to work at certain campuses.

"So certainly we're not exempt from criminal activity," Gardner said. "Our statistics fall right among other colleges across the country."

Merit from Page 1

last year. The center has rehired all returning employees out of the Writing Center's budget, but at reduced hours.

"We are only able to do about three-quarters of what we were able to do before," said Writing Center Coordinator Harvey Kail.

Kail would like to see the work merit program return. "The kind of work students do in the Writing Center is very much in the spirit of the work-merit program," he said. "It is great preparation for a career or for graduate studies."

Brendon Beote, a fourth-year chemical engineering student, agrees. He received work merit in the past and was counting on it this year to continue a summer undergraduate research project. When he looked into the program during August, he found that it was no longer available. Beote's advisor was able to keep him on the project by paying him out of his research grant.

"It was fortunate that we were able to work something out," Beote said.

Beote believes the program needs improvement. He received work merit to tutor during his second year.

"At the time, being a tu-

tor didn't really help me at all. I was a physics major tutoring chemistry, but I was strongly encouraged to apply for work merit," he said. He doesn't feel tutoring helped him grow academically. "I think the program should definitely come back, but the projects should be evaluated better than in the past. ... I don't think it would be too hard to add certain criteria."

Beote would like to see the program help students who want to further their academics or their career.

"By continuing this project, I hope to get published in literature," he said. "If everything goes as planned, I'll go to graduate school and be doing what I'm do-

ing now." For some meritorious students, it can be difficult to find other resources to complete their projects without the work merit program. "Work study doesn't apply to me because I get enough scholarships, but at the same time it's hard to get hired for a job on campus without work merit or work study."

The suspension of work merit has created financial gaps for employers and students alike, but there is a strong chance the program will return next year.

"It's not that we want to do away with it, but we need to find a way to do it that hits the target," Crawford said. "We'd start over and build it from the ground up."

Senate from Page 1

Senators were encouraged to talk to students around campus to inform themselves about student opinion.

Sen. Nick DeHaas reminded the senate that referendums are not political because they are not tied to a political party.

"It's more of a financial issue than a political issue. I would really hate to see [TABOR II] happen. ... I really support this amendment," said Sen. Dayna Margarita.

"There are other students out there like me who believe that [TABOR II] could possibly be beneficial to the state of Maine," said Sen. Zachary Jackman.

The amended resolution passed.

Senators passed another resolution amending the Student Government's policies on summer compensation. Wolland described the Act to Revise and Update the Financial Policies of the University of Maine Student Government Inc. as "eliminating the opportunity for student government executives to apply for compensation [in the summer]."

The resolution would affect summer compensation in the following Student Government executive positions: President, Vice President, Vice President of Financial Affairs, Vice President of Student Organizations and Vice President of Student Entertainment.

The resolution states that only contractual and service employees will receive summer compensation from now on.

Wildes questioned whether

a lack of summer compensation would deter executives from fulfilling their duties and commitments. Sen. Alex Ortiz expressed the need for executives to be "responsible and dedicated enough not to need compensation."

Vice President of Financial Affairs Justin Labonte — co-sponsor of the resolution — added, "We're a non-profit organization. It's a stipend, not an hourly wage or salary — you can't treat it like that."

"The way the system works right now is really unfair. ... It's hard to show what work's being done," said Vice President of Student Entertainment Abtin Mehdizadegan.

Walter Lazarz, president of UMaine's Green Team, voiced support for American Clean Energy and Security Act during the meeting. Sen. Derek Jones was

appointed Sargeant at Arms, the Senior Skull Society was announced as the Student Organization of the week and Wilde Stein presented a Pride Week itinerary.

Pride Week will take place the last week of October and begin with a pride flag raising ceremony.

Allocations included \$700 to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, \$300 to the Senior Skull Society, \$750 to Doulous, \$255 to the Student Women's Association and \$2,500 to the International Students Association. Future projects, as presented in the President's Report, include a Student Government Advisory Committee, dining service research, implementation of service learning as an academic model and the repurposing of outdated university computers.

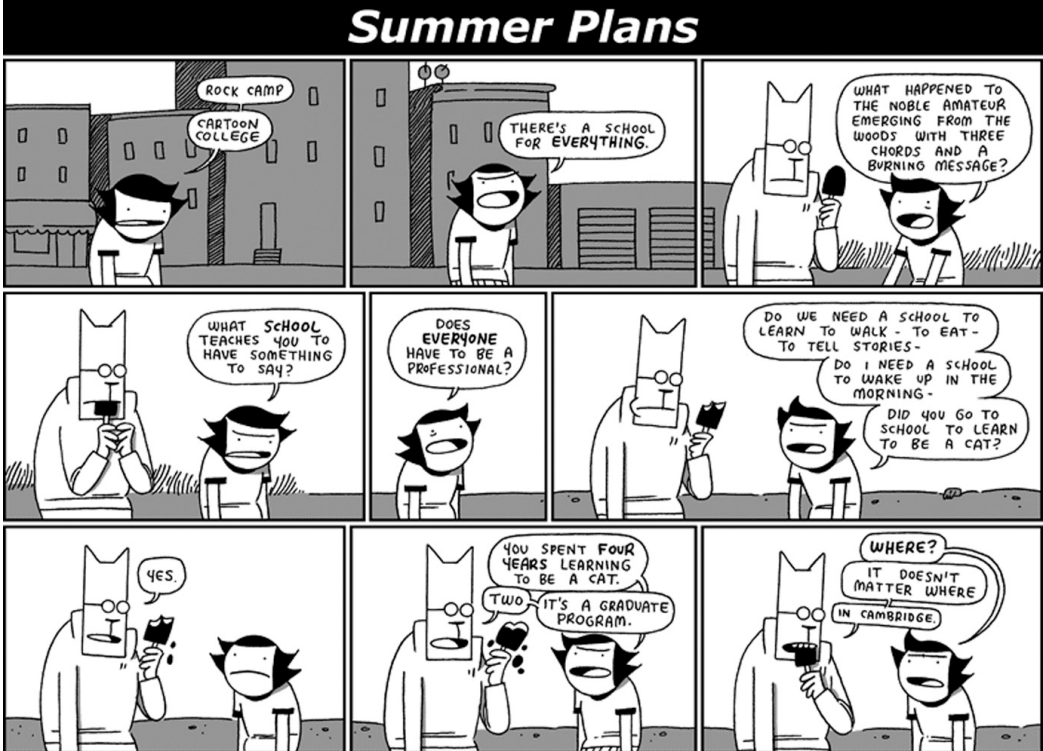
Diversions

Cat and Girl

By Dorothy Gambrell

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Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You will be on the defensive to-day. Trust your instincts by placing your trust in those who you have relied on in the past and have not let you down. You will eventually come to terms with those who have disappointed you recently.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - Don't try to make any important decisions today as you will tire yourself out trying to battle against your gut feelings. Get more facts before deciding anything.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - You are working on something that has the potential to be a big boost to your future goals. Your original reason for taking on the task was to do a good job, but you have also been looking at the financial gain. Both reasons are valid.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You are able to gain financially if you remain open to assistance from others. You will not actually receive a bonus or promotion today but will set the stage for this to happen at a future time. Others in authority want to help you to succeed and realize your potential.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - This is a time where your supervisors are paying close attention to what you are doing. This is obviously not a good time to be making too many mistakes. Take your time and double-check the important things.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - Today you are experiencing your full potential, so make certain you take advantage of that fact. You are especially perceptive to the flow and ebb of market forces and will be able to make correct decisions when balancing your finances.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - You will try to improve yourself financially today by looking at job possibilities. Something physical but temporary will suit your fancy. A friend or acquaintance will have an employment lead you should follow up on.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You are receiving compliments about how your latest efforts have helped to make life easier for others. This is sincere praise you are getting even though you think there is some insincerity involved.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You may experience a move away from the family. This is likely due to some ongoing conflict that has not been resolved. Increasing the physical distance will help increase the closeness you once had.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - You will find out some news today that will agitate you. The information will turn out to be false but others will think it is true. Even though you will prove the information is incorrect, it does not lessen the fact that you will be upset.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - You will be doing everything in a hurry today, which sometimes results in small accidents like bumping your head or stubbing your toe. Try to slow it down a bit by realizing you will still get to your destination whether you rush or not.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - This is a low stress day. Some people say worrying is pointless because it doesn't change anything. If worrying prompts a person to positive action, then worrying can do some good.

Sudoku Puzzle

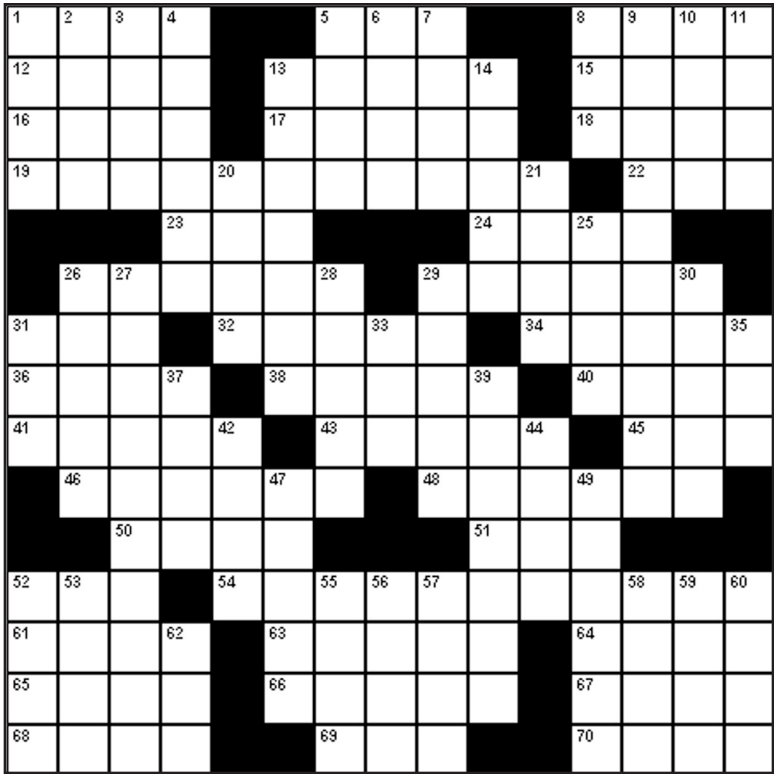
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- Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.
- Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- Polynesian carved image
- CD forerunners
- Full of unresolved questions
- Novelist Waugh
- Humdinger
- Advertising award
- Delhi wrap
- Inner self (Jung)
- Williams of country music
- Occurring at the same time
- Apian
- "Conquest of Space" writer Willy
- Nada
- Warns
- In and of ____
- Japanese sash
- Chopper topper
- Crude carrier
- Dulls
- Parachute material
- After the bell
- Prohibit
- Russian revolutionary leader

Down

- Soviet news service
- Now ____ me down...
- "Ol' Man River" composer
- Winter hanger
- Letterman rival
- Physical suffering
- Japanese wrestling
- ____ bin ein Berliner

Across

- Fan-shaped
- Of high grade
- Symbol of slavery
- 18th-century stringed instrument
- Mock
- German Mister
- Indifferent
- Singer Sedaka
- ____ Irish Rose
- Botulism of birds
- Genre
- Golf clubs
- Wined and dined
- Eccentric
- Cheer for Manolete
- Roulette bet
- All there
- Niggle
- Orange cover
- Midday
- Ogles
- Theater district
- Agricultural implement
- Architect Saarinen
- Information
- A dish with many ingredients
- Intellectual faculty

- When said three times, a 1970 war movie
- Baltic feeder
- Whistle blowers
- ____ kwon do

Answer key in Sports

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Editorial: Student Senate’s chance to be the voice of the student body

The Issue: GSS’s decision to take a stance on TABOR II.
What We Think: Senate made the right choice to take a stand in the interests of the students it represents, and should continue to do so.

On Tuesday, the General Student Senate ended several weeks of debate and took a stance on TABOR II. Last year, GSS also fulfilled its role as the voice of the student body by taking a position to endorse PowerVote.

Many students are unaware of the inner-workings of the senate. For example, while it would be easy to assume the organization is a legislative body, it is in fact a corporation. Regardless of its legal status, students look upon senate to act as a government, and taking stances on issues that affect students can go a long way in improving the group’s image.

In the cluttered world of college activities, legitimacy is everything. If a group takes themselves seriously, the campus community takes notice. Student government is crucial to the University of Maine. They are put in charge of distributing students’ money and make important decisions on a daily basis. For example, student entertainment deals with huge sums of money, intricate contracts and national entertainment acts.

Possibly because it is so misunderstood, student government is often looked down upon. Its complex intricacies and habit of fighting over what senate’s purpose is instead of what senate should do sets the group back as a whole. But when senators come together to make decisions on issues crucial to the student body, that’s when GSS lives up to its name and acts like a student government.

We urge student government to continue to be vocal on issues that matter to students. As the flagship university in a relatively small state, the UMaine student voice should be a loud one.

Student government, like most university organizations, is a learning experience for its members. But what better experience is there for student senators than being involved in real political issues? A group is only as legitimate as it chooses to be, and we hope student government continues to decide to take itself seriously as the voice of the student body, not just the organization that controls its wallet

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: A conservative’s argument for same-sex marriage

While it is heartening to read that Mr. Shepherd will be voting No on One in November, L.D. 1020 [Maine’s same-sex marriage law] was hardly rushed through “without input.” The public hearing held at the Civic Center in Augusta was the first of its kind, and lasted more than three hours.

This, after months of coverage by the media in Maine. Self-government, in its purest form, requires the input of those to be governed – but they have to make some effort to make sure their representatives understand their point of view.

- Gerald Weinand

RE: A conservative’s argument for same-sex marriage

This is not a question of civil rights or anything. You like to refer to ‘Mr. Conservative’ Barry Goldwater who was soft on the issue of homosexuality. Clearly, he doesn’t speak for a majority of conservatives in America today.

For those who keep whining about the majority deciding the rights of the minority, they have absolutely no recourse until they amend the U.S. Constitution to specifically make sexual orientation as a protected class. Clearly, that’s not going to happen any time soon, so they whine on and on.

When it comes to issues of morality, how can we possibly call it a democracy (i.e., ruled by the people) if the people aren’t allowed to weigh in on issues of morality and the definition of marriage? Because if the will of the majority is ignored, then the will of the minority prevails and really isn’t different from when the minority (like royalty/the king of England) ruled over the earth in past years.

- Andrew

RE: Paulus, Orange deny Bears’ upset bid

To the Maine Black Bears football team and fans: I’m a Syracuse alum and fan. This is to wish Trevor Coston a full and speedy recovery.

-C. Clark

Editor’s Note: Coston has been given a clean bill of health and will be playing in UMaine’s next game against Delaware.

Opinion

Thursday, October 1, 2009



‘Heartthrob fans’ give girls a bad name

I grew up in a sports-oriented family. We take our teams seriously. Whether it was a team we were playing on or a professional team we were rooting for, there was no messing around. That being said, I used to think one of the most annoying things in the sports world was a fairweather fan. I don’t want to be watching a game next to somebody who wouldn’t have been willing to sit through a game when times were rough.

In the past years though, I’ve been noticing a growing trend. There’s a new cluster of fans who frustrate me more than all those fans that started paying more attention to the Patriots since 2001, Red Sox since 2004, Celtics since 2008 and most recently, the Bruins with their run in the playoffs this last season: heartthrob fans.

They’re the people who call themselves fans because of the heartthrobs, or hotties, on any given team. To top it off, a majority of these fans — and I use the term loosely — are females who are giving the gender a bad name in the world of sports fandom. I don’t think my fan status should be challenged solely by the fact I’m a girl, but when there are so many ladies out there watching baseball for the Jacoby Ellsburys of the league, it’s hard not to understand why somebody may ask if I’m really a fan.

By no means am I trying to say Ellsbury isn’t a great player. He’s batting a .299 for the Red Sox and has a record breaking 67 stolen bases. There’s no forgetting him stealing home against the Yankees back in April. It was like a scene from “The Sandlot.” The problem I’m talking about is people calling themselves Red Sox fans because Ellsbury is “yummy” — people who don’t even know any of these stats. Those people probably wouldn’t know that



Amy Brooks
Photo Editor

Kevin Youkilis, with fewer at-bats, has more RBIs than Ellsbury and is also leading the team with a batting average of .305.

The same fad is easily noticeable with the one and only Tom Brady of the Patriots. Leading up to the game against the Jets a week and a half ago, there was the typical chatter of which quarterback is better and who’s going to lead their team to victory. Standard pre-game chatter, right? At least until some girls started arguing about who

about our all-time favorite players, and Bledsoe was one of the names I came up with. I still remember the question asked of me: “Bledsoe? But he looks like he has Down syndrome,” said my friend. I was pretty shocked. He may not have ever been tan and cut, but does that matter when you consider what he did in his career? He was still the overall No. 1 draft pick in ’93 and the second quarterback in NFL history to complete more than 400 passes in one season. I don’t think that’s something to turn your nose down at just because he doesn’t look like Tom Brady.

Looks are relative and what one person considers attractive could be completely different from another. When any given person looks at an athlete’s stats though, they’re seeing the exact same thing. Whether or not a player looks like Jacoby Ellsbury or Drew Bledsoe, the way they play and the attitude they carry is more important than their hotness. If you find

Female sports fans who only care about the chiseled abs and glistening smiles give all sports-oriented ladies a bad name.

was cuter, Tom Brady or Jets’ rookie Mark Sanchez. I’d like somebody to explain to me how an athlete’s sex-factor makes them a better player.

It’s obvious Brady has been an asset to the team since he stepped in after Drew Bledsoe’s 2001 injury. I’d be blind not to see that, but who remembers Bledsoe and what he did in his eight years with the Patriots? I remember talking to a friend

you’re the person watching a game solely for the Tom Bradys and David Beckhams, try something new next time and give the other talented players a thought.

You’ll enjoy the game even more when you recognize not only those with nice smiles but an impressive ability as playmakers. I promise.

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Underaged designated drivers punished by simplistic laws



Designated drivers save lives, so why punish them simply for having older friends?

Anne Chase

My parents have been telling me not to drink and drive and to always have a designated driver for as long as I can remember. In Maine, the law is especially harsh when it comes to drunk driving. If you get caught driving while under the influence — even if it’s a first offense — you face the possibility of jail time.

Those who act responsibly by lining up an underage designated driver run the risk of getting them in serious trouble.

Last November my sister was the designated driver for a party she attended. After dropping off an arguing couple, she started the drive home and was stopped by flashing blue lights. When the officer approached the vehicle, he asked my sister about the six-pack of beer in her backseat. My sister was 19 years old at the time.

It turns out the couple didn’t realize they had left some of their beer in her car. My sister had to wait, mortified, by the side of the road while the police officer searched her car. A \$250 fine and 30 day license suspension later, my sister has transportation of alcohol by a minor on her record.

The law regarding transportation of alcohol by a minor states that “no person under the age of 21 shall transport alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle except in the scope of their employment or at the request of their parent.”

Individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 don’t usually work a job involving the distribution of

alcohol and are often independent of their parents. College students make friends of varying ages; most use alcohol — sometimes in excess. If a 21-year-old friend needs a ride to the store to pick up beer for them, odds are you won’t say no.

As the law stands, the driver is usually the only person charged with a criminal offense. If the sober driver is charged with transportation, the buyer should also be charged with supplying.

But that’s not fair. You don’t know for sure if the buyer is buying for the driver. Not everyone brings a car to campus. Maybe the buyer just needed a ride to the store and all they had in the vehicle was a six-pack and a bottle of wine. There’s no way to determine for whom the alcohol was purchased.

A friend of mine from high school is a fraternity member. He agreed to drive some of his brothers — all of whom were of age and had already been drinking — to the store to pick up more alcohol. He was pulled over and subsequently charged with transportation of alcohol by a minor. The alcohol was confiscated even with people of age in the car.

Last year a student died after falling down some stairs at a party, possibly because no one wanted to risk police intervention by calling an ambulance. The university looked into a policy of amnesty for underage drinkers when they call an ambulance. The idea is to prevent the same kind of accident from occurring again.

The laws pertaining to transportation of alcohol by a minor, while less serious, present the same problem: If a 21-year-old decides they need more alcohol after they have started drinking, do we really want them driving? After all, “buzzed driving is still drunk driving.”

Designated drivers keep drunk drivers off the road, saving lives. If underage people are worried they will get pulled over and ticketed because the person being driven home has alcohol, what incentive is there to be responsible? No matter the circumstance, if an underage person agrees to be a designated driver they deserve a pat on the back — not a slap in the face.

Anne Chase is a sophomore journalism student.

Listen, Congress: We need to have some words



Tyler Francke
Columnist

All right, Congress, enough is enough! Your mother and I have had it up to here with your constant bickering about health care reform. We gave you chance after chance to get along and work it out on your own, but you just couldn’t do it, could you? Well, guess what’s happening now: Nobody gets health care.

Oh, you don’t seem too happy about that. Maybe you should have thought more before you spent the past eight months fighting with each other. We’ll see if you can manage to be more civil when none of you can get a doctor to check out your influenza-like illnesses or high blood pressure.

Complaining isn’t going to do any good, so don’t waste your breath. Your mother and I are disappointed in you. We buy your food, clean up your messes and listen patiently to every one of your far-fetched stories. All we asked you to do was come up

Millions of Americans are stressing, suffering and dying, while parties seem more interested in their side winning than helping those in need.

been ones to give up on a problem because the solution is hard to figure out. And the more difficult the quandary, the more you should be working together to fix it.

Instead, you’ve allowed your passions to displace your minds in an embarrassing display of partisanship, combativeness and demagoguery. Even kids your age should know better than to be making up all that malarkey about “death panels” or yelling rude things when others are speaking — I’m looking at you, Joey!

Not to mention that you outspoken extremists are not being good role models for your impressionable constituents, many of whom have been further devolving and obfuscating the debate with highly visible rallies and “Tea Party protests” mostly opposing reform.

Wipe that smug look off your faces, you moderates, because you haven’t been helpful either. By allowing the circus acts to take center stage, you’ve let the legitimate debate of this serious issue be obscured and wasted valuable time discussing the spectacles.

The bottom line is billions of dollars are being dumped into a system that delivers spectacularly inadequate results, where only the insurance companies seem to really benefit. The millions of Americans with inadequate or no coverage are stressing, suffering and dying, while you all seem more interested in your side winning than helping those in need. Now that you don’t have health — care either, maybe you’ll be able to sympathize more.

You are our representatives in Congress. We depend on you to craft the laws that will make our nation stronger. It is a big responsibility, we know, but we also know you are more than capable. However, if you continue to act like children, I will continue to treat you as such.

You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Now, go to your rooms and think about what you’ve done.

Tyler Francke is going to make a great dad someday.

with a fiscally responsible universal health care plan that would help the most people possible. But no, you kids can’t even go a single congressional meeting without fighting with each other! We thought you legislators could act like big boys and girls, but we were wrong.

Don’t you roll your eyes at me, Nancy Pelosi; that’s exactly the kind of attitude problem I’m talking about!

Look, we know this is a complex problem. According to the World Health Organization, U.S. citizens spend more income on health care annually than almost every other nation. Despite this, the United States is below the global median for amount of health care usage, and the health care that does get used consistently ranks lowest in measures of quality, access, efficiency and equity, according to a 2007 study by the Commonwealth Fund. Over 47 million Americans are uninsured and the Obama administration is saying to reform the system would probably cost more than \$1 trillion.


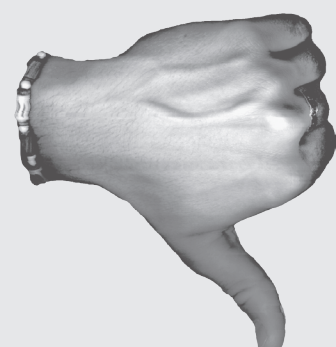
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‘Cash for kitchens’ can’t save our planet or economy



Appliance program won’t have as much effect as it’s clunkers predecessor.

Jennifer Fortier

Coming this holiday season is yet another economic stimulus program. Riding on the heels of the cash for clunkers’ so-called success, the cash-for-appliances program is set to do for Sears, Lowes and Home Depot what clunkers did for Ford, Chrysler and General Motors. Have you had your eye on a new refrigerator or dishwasher for a while? Are you hankering after that bright orange washer and dryer set? Well \$300 million stimulus dollars later, the federal government is about to make your wish come true ... sort of.

The two biggest problems with this program — which will be run by the states — are that you are not required to turn in your old appliances to get the federal rebate, and you are not required to recycle said appliances. Although many stores do offer to take your old appliances away and dispose of them, they’re not required by law to recycle your half-dead dryer.

The basis of this program is about saving energy over the long-term by encouraging Americans to use more efficient devices in all aspects of their lives. Still, I can’t see why the proponents of this program aren’t making recycling one of its major selling points. When it comes to refrigerators, there is a lot of pollution potential, considering the scale of disposal. By not requiring you to turn in your old appliances, the energy savings could go down the toilet if people don’t responsibly dispose of their old fridges.

Will this next round of federal incentives do the

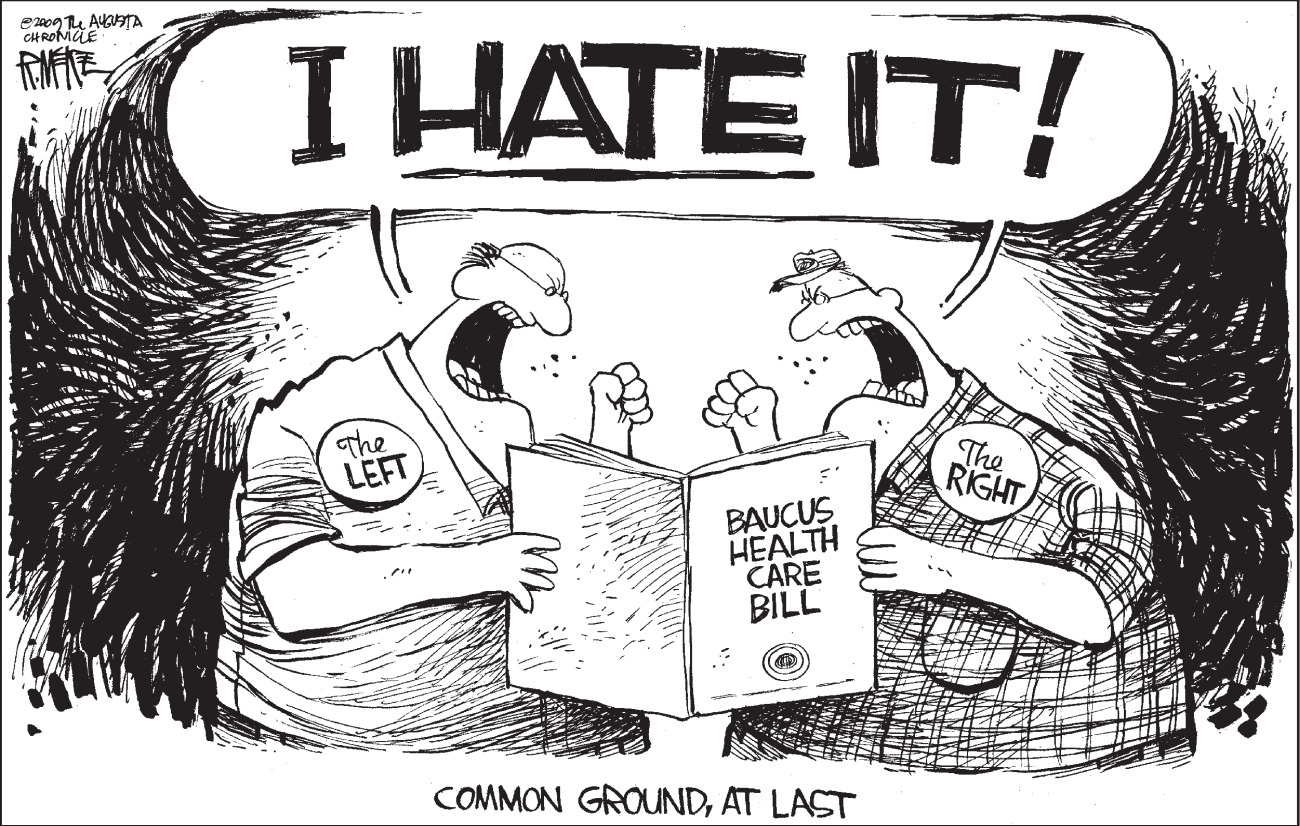
same thing to used appliance stores that cash for clunkers did to the used auto industry? I also have to question what sort of impact this massive change-out will do to landfills. This is America after all. We make the most garbage in the world — about five pounds per person per day. The only people who will never lose their jobs in this country are the garbage men.

Initial estimates forecasted federal rebates of up to \$200 for certain appliances, but with Maine set to receive just \$1.2 million dollars — that’s one dollar for every person living in this state — the rebates within Maine’s borders are only expected to reach \$75 for a top of the line fridge, down to just \$25 for air conditioners. Is it possible retailers will have to push their holiday sales even further in order to encourage people to take advantage of not just the federally funded handout but their own as well? The good news is the program will probably allow piggybacking. This means if the fridge of your dreams has a \$100 rebate at Sears, you can still get the additional \$75 federal rebate on top of that.

Another problem with the program is that it isn’t being implemented at a national level. After applying for funds, each state would be responsible for writing its own plan for implementation of the program. State officials have only until Oct. 15 to submit their proposal to the federal government for review. In light of the patchwork quilt that is local and state governments overlapping with federal guidelines, is it necessary to add another layer of mismatch? Why didn’t the federal government just take charge of this program too?

This whole thing has got me wondering: If we stimulate the economy by encouraging people to buy more efficient vehicles and appliances and the economy doesn’t recover in the foreseeable future, will we get to a point in which we’ve all bought so many new things and are living so efficiently that consumer spending will collapse even further? Don’t get me wrong, I’m all for saving people money and reducing energy use. But I can’t help wondering how long it will be before we run out of things to stimulate.

Jennifer Fortier hopes her landlord will take advantage of the rebate and replace her refrigerator.



Faculty Technology Fair
Wells Conference Center
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

New Writing Series: Rae Armantrout
Soderburg Auditorium,
Jenness Hall
4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Go Blue Friday
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Kickin' Flicks: "Public Enemies"
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
7 and 10 p.m.

Maine Attraction: Comedian Rob Ryan
Main Dining Room,
Memorial Union
9 p.m.

Phil Vassar
Merril Auditorium, Portland
Maine
8 p.m.
\$37.75

Saturday, Oct. 3

Piano Student Recital
Minsky Recital Hall
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Film of Ray Bradbury's novel "Fahrenheit 451" and discussion of "Censorship and the New Media"
Bangor Opera House,
131 Main St.
7 p.m.

Big Pete Pearson
Criterion Theatre, 35
Cottage St., Bar Harbor
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Tickets at the door \$18.

Neil Sedaka
Collins Center for the Arts
8:00 to 11:00 p.m.
\$50/\$60

Campus Activities: Karaoke
Bear's Den, Memorial Union
9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Arbonne FUN: Make-up, skin care and nutrition products
Gannett Hall Basement
1 p.m.

Canine Carnival
Woodlawn Museum
19 Black House Drive,
Ellsworth, Maine
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 5

INT 289: A Celebration of Darwin
Topic: The Genome:
Changing Slow, Changing Fast
Faculty: Prof. Keith Hutchison, biochemistry and molecular biology
130 Little Hall
8:35 to 9:50 a.m.

Bangor Grange Meeting
Bangor Grange Hall
1192 Ohio St.
6 p.m.

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Style & culture

Thursday, October 1, 2009

'09-'10 season means big things for CCA

Kegan Zema ♦ Style Editor

Throughout the Collins Center for the Arts, there are people hard at work putting the finishing touches on the venue's renovations. LED lights are being placed throughout the glass façade. Fluffy, green sod is being put down in front of the building and the café area just got an artistic overhaul. The white walls give it a serene look, and the smell of paint and building supplies still lingers in the air.

The 2009-2010 season marks the first full season of the newly redesigned and renamed CCA, formerly the Maine Center for the Arts. The year ahead is full of diverse and fascinating acts, ranging from the choreographed kung-fu of "Shaolin Warriors," to a Broadway production of the musical "Cats." The recent renovations have opened a world of possibilities in the realms of music, theater, dance and film.

"All I can say is everyone's been working very hard," said John Patches, executive director of the CCA. "The university administration and all the various departments and facilities have really, in the last number of weeks, pulled together."

To ring in the opening, the CCA will be holding its gala performance this Saturday with the performance by singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka. From then on, the season is full of performances from the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, concerts by Grammy Award-winning musicians like Suzanne Vega and Sweet Honey and professional musicals and ballets.

But live performances are only half the fun.

"For us, the big news would be film," Patches said. "The great projector we've been able to purchase, the surround-sound system is going in next week, so that will all be in place for the [Metropolitan Operas],

which are also new for this season."

The operas are high-definition, live broadcasts straight from the Met in New York City. The CCA will be showing the entire season starting with Puccini's "Tosca" on Oct. 10. According to Patches, special satellite dishes had to be installed on the roof to pick up the broadcasts.

In addition, a series of independent films are being played on Thursday nights in the CCA. Patches said he understands it's important for the CCA to be as relevant and hip as possible and feels the independent film series is a great way to achieve that.

"Places such as [the CCA], that were built in the '80s, were built in a different time in a sense, even though a very recent time," Patches said. "This place in particular was built for classical music and for speakers, and that whole paradigm has shifted."

Patches chuckled as he admitted he was most looking forward to the chamber music series in Minsky Auditorium for its lofty artistic merit.

He hopes that the opening of the Verve Café, run by Abe and Heather Furth — owners of Woodman's Bar and Grille and the Verve in Orono — will help the CCA's image as well. The café will be opening in October and will operate from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, as well as during events. There are also plans to put in a bar, according to Patches.

The eclectic mix of acts is designed so there is something for everyone this season.

"Our audience is very diverse," Patches said. "I think a place such as this on a university campus has the responsibility to try and be all things, to all people. I believe that diversity is extremely important, particularly in this day and age. I think it's important for students of all ages to see

how other cultures approach creativity."

Patches said he hopes to combine all the facets of the CCA together: performances, film and the collections at the Hudson Museum.

The renovations have reinvigorated the museum. The world-renowned collection, which the university acquired before Patches can even remember, has never had a proper home.

"Before there was no definition to the museum," Patches said. With the new technology acquired during the renovations, the museum can finally display the collection properly. "Most of the general public hasn't seen about two thirds of the collection."

The renovations totaled \$11.2 million dollars, according to Patches. The Collins family, the namesake of the center, donated \$5 million.

Richard Collins told The Maine Campus last spring his family made its contribution "to keep UMaine moving ahead, to keep improving. Our interest is in the university, in education and decision making. That's what we're focusing on, to make sure that young people have the same benefits that we had when we were going to college."

Collaboration has been key for the CCA. Patches said his team has been working closely with student activities and other offices around campus about speakers. This year is also the first time an event is being co-produced by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. The "Classical Mystery Tour" — a Beatles tribute band with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra backing them up — will take place in late March.

For a complete schedule of events and performances visit: collinscenterforthearts.com

Free tickets for students

Registered full-time students at the Orono campus with six credit hours or more a semester are entitled to two free tickets to CCA events per semester. Tickets are available at the start of each semester. Seating availability is restricted for some events.

Two \$10 tickets are available to all UMaine students for CCA shows on the day of the performance, unless the show is sold out.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 3: Gala opening with Neil Sedaka
Oct. 10: The Met in HD — Puccini's "Tosca"
Oct. 11: Bangor Symphony Orchestra opening night with Tchaikovsky
Oct. 15: Shaolin Warriors
Oct. 18: Parker String Quartet
Nov. 3: Circo Aereo
Nov. 8: Bangor Symphony Orchestra — Beethoven's Violin Concerto
Nov. 18: Barter Theatre Company's "Of Mice and Men"
Nov. 21: Arlo Guthrie and Friends
Dec. 5. Sweet Honey in the Rock Holiday Show
Dec. 13: Danu: Christmas In Ireland: An Nollaig In Eirinn
Dec. 19 and 20: BSO and Robinson Ballet's "The Nutcracker"

Andy Warhol: Artistic visionary ahead of his time

I was introduced to Andy Warhol, the “Prince of Pop Art,” my freshmen year of high school. My awkward, kooky art teacher — with his frizzy hair and glasses — always tried his best to impress the class. Mostly he would just show us random photographs and paintings he found inspirational and spent the whole class babbling about them, while no one cared. However, when he held up a picture of a plain, single can of Campbell’s soup, telling us it was the most beautiful work of art we would probably ever see, I believed him.

Most of the class laughed. Some were confused; some quickly scribbled down notes, making sure not to miss a word in case it will be on a quiz. Some were just waiting for lunch. I kept staring at the can of soup. It was plain, it

was average and it was boring, but for some reason I was captivated. That is what Andy Warhol had the power of doing — he could create something so plain, yet make it so intriguing. He made simplicity beautiful, which today is something close to impossible.

Many people do not think of Warhol as an artist, but merely a fad of the decade — a weirdo who built up the power to call just about anything he made art. Warhol was not a fake; he showed the world a different perspective of beauty. He introduced the idea that perhaps what makes something beautiful is not something filled with complications and difficulties, but honesty and simplicity. So often, with this generation especially, people are focused on hurrying through life as fast as they can, upgrading technology as quick as possible.

Why can’t we all just relax and realize that something as simple as a single flower can hold the most true and natural beauty in the world? It was in Warhol’s “Silver Factory,” a mid-town Manhattan

films. Warhol made more than 300 films and each is unique. The first film he produced in the factory was called “Sleep.” It was just a man sleeping over six hours, nothing more. Some other films include “Blow

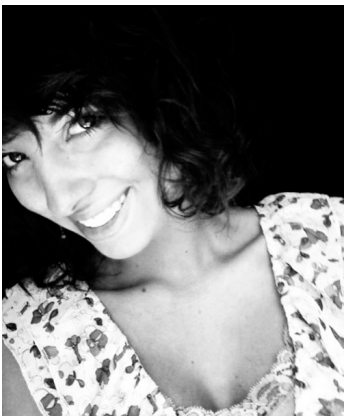
reality television; none of the stars in his films were actors. If something interesting, embarrassing or boring happened, he would film it. The first Warhol film I watched was a small portion of an eight-hour film of the Empire State Building — silent and one shot only, as most of his films are. Although I admit I had to fast forward through it a couple times, I still found myself absolutely captivated. Like watching most of his films, you get a strange feeling. You just sit there and realize you have been staring at the same image for almost an hour, but you can’t pull away because you don’t want to miss something. While staring at the image, you can feel it slowly morphing and changing in your head; suddenly one picture feels like many. Finally, nearing the end of the film, you realize it is nighttime and

the lights turn on and illuminate the Empire State Building. Just that simple movement, that simple change, seems like the most beautiful and drastic thing you have ever seen. How often is it today you can watch something with one shot, completely unedited and natural? Not even “reality” television is real. Andy Warhol showed life the way it was, hiding nothing, and it was lovely.

Whether it is with Warhol’s famous silk-screened prints of Marilyn Monroe, a banana or his controversial underground films, his unique personality and perspective on life is always evident. Not everything in our lives always has to be complicated — it can indeed be as simple as a can of soup.

“Isn’t life a series of images that change as they repeat themselves?” — Andy Warhol

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Job,” “Kiss,” and “Andy Warhol Eats a Hamburger.” I am pretty sure the titles give away what each is about.

These films were the start of

Literature lovers unite

Maine authors to be featured at 3rd annual book festival

By Kyle Kernan
For The Maine Campus

The Bangor Book Festival promises to offer a smorgasbord of literary delights. The event opens Friday at the Penobscot Theatre in Bangor at 7:30 p.m. with keynote speaker Douglas Preston. It moves into the Bangor Public Library on Saturday and Sunday.

Event curator Barbara McDade promises the event will celebrate Maine authors. “This year, 25 authors will be sharing their adventures, passions and stories,” McDade said. All events are free.

There will be 24 authors who will present readings and presentations.

“We are trying to showcase Maine authors,” McDade said. “We want to connect authors to new audiences and readers to new authors. We want to celebrate reading.”

The festival’s third year assures to cover history, nature and books for children. The eclectic mix of authors cover topics ranging from Bangor history to backyard birding, Maine landscaping to writing poetry.

“There are authors for children and even a program about how to tell the value of old books,” McDade said. “The spine of a book does more than display its title. It binds the words and ideas that last through changing times and swirling fads. Books speak to the seven ages of our lives and



comfort us in times of distress. Pages of answers ease our confusion when we need to make sense of a changing world. In turbulent times, books transport us to tranquil lands and engage us in adventures and passion when apathy takes hold.”

Preston writes both fiction and

nonfiction. His latest nonfiction work is “The Monster of Florence.” Preston worked as a writer for the American Museum of Natural History and taught writing at Princeton University. His works of journalism have been published in The New Yorker, National Geographic, Harper’s Bazaar, Smithsonian and The Atlantic. The author of several acclaimed nonfiction books, Preston also co-wrote with Lincoln Child one of the best-selling series of novels featuring FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast.

The festival is honored to have support from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, the City of Bangor, Bangor Public Library, The Maine Humanities Council and Fogler Library, among others.

“Join us as we listen to the words of celebrated Maine authors who write to bring comfort and spark enthusiasm — who tell stories to remember and bring ideas to inspire and delight at the Bangor Book Festival on Oct. 2 and 3,” McDade said.

For more information on the Bangor Book Festival visit: bangorbookfest.org.

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1. Vivian Girls – Everything Goes Wrong
2. Japandroids – Post-Nothing
3. Eddy Current Suppression Ring – Self-Titled
4. The Spits – Self-Titled
5. Rainbow Arabia – Kabukimono
6. Ettes – Do You Want Power
7. Codes in Clouds – Paper Crayon
8. Pissed Jeans – Kings of Jeans
9. Dead Weather – Horehound
10. Yo La Tengo – Popular Songs
11. Modest Mouse – No One’s First And You’re Next EP
12. Wild Beasts – Two Dancers
13. Jay Reatard – Watch Me Fall
14. Arctic Monkeys – Humbug
15. Cougar – Patriot
16. A Place to Bury Strangers – In Your Heart
17. Royal Bangs – Let It Beep
18. Sea Wolf – White Water, White Bloom
19. Bomb – Speed If Everything
20. Twilight Sad – Forget the Night Ahead

FILM REVIEW: THE INFORMANT!



Warner Brothers

By Joseph Pelletier
For The Maine Campus

I once had a film professor who told me his favorite films were ones that started slow and then got really slow. I believe he is in the minority. Steven Soderbergh’s “The Informant!” follows the first half of my professor’s criteria, which is why a lot of people are going to find it difficult to access. Soderbergh — most recently known for the “Ocean’s” movies and “Che” — rarely makes a film that isn’t entertaining. While he lets the narrative unwind slowly at first like a tangled ball of yarn, he picks up the pace exponentially as it races to the conclusion.

Matt Damon stars as Mark Whitacre, the corporate whistleblower who exposed price fixing in the late 1990s at his corporation ADM. Damon may be one of the most underappreciated actors working today. Despite

being named the “Sexiest Man Alive” in 2007, he still has only one Academy Award nomination since he broke into stardom with Good Will Hunting more than a decade ago. Looking back, Damon could have earned gold for a number of projects — “The Departed,” “Syriana,” “The Good Shepherd” and “The Bourne Ultimatum,” to name a few.

In “The Informant!,” Damon gives the kind of seamless performance that rides the line between being straight or over-the-top. It’s the kind of acting that Brad Pitt should have gotten more credit for last year in “Burn After Reading,” but Damon ups the ante, taking on one of the most complex characters I’ve seen on screen in years. The film follows Whitacre in his decision to turn on his own company, cooperating with an FBI investigation which begins looking for a corporate mole but

winds up chasing more than a few geese.

The film works because Soderbergh strips Whitacre down to his bare essentials — both metaphorically and literally. He gives us complete access to Whitacre via Damon’s voiceover, which he uses to ruminate on everything from polar bears and butterflies to Asian businessmen buying panties. It’s a jumbled mess of stream-of-consciousness that gives us a slanted roadmap to Whitacre’s crooked mind.

Still, we don’t really feel like we know Whitacre. It’s not for lack of trying, but because the man’s layers, peeled off one by one throughout the film, seem endless. From top to bottom, this is one of the better films I’ve seen this year and worth going to see at least once if you can grant some patience during the first act.

Grade: B+

CD REVIEW: BODYHAMMER

By Jeremy Swist
For The Maine Campus

Imagine yourself slowly transforming, losing your humanity to a cancer of scrap metal consuming your body from within. Imminent terror grips your mechanizing limbs. A fetishistic maniac is turning you against your loved ones, then against yourself and finally, against mankind.

Now set that nightmare to music. “Jigoku” is a frighteningly close approximation. The University of Maine’s own Ryan Page — inspired by the 1989 film “Testuo: The Iron Man” — interprets this experience beyond the bounds of musical orthodoxy, crafting a truly unique opus of terror.

For those out of the loop, “Tetsuo” is a cyberpunk horror-fantasy by Japanese director Shinya Tsukamoto. Filmed in black and white, this disturbing achievement of cinematography has earned cult status. Body Hammer doesn’t necessarily rewrite the soundtrack to this movie — the late-’80s industrial rock score was appropriate enough. Rather “Jigoku” translates its themes into a musical journey into an abyss of madness, despair and nihilistic rage.

Before even opening the

package, the album’s cover art conveys the essence of the “Tetsuo” concept: The hideous fusion of man and machine envisioned in the art of H. R. Giger. Witness a dark future — the obsolescence of humankind to technology. Think of the mental anguish of being the only remaining biological entity in a matrix of metal.

Musically, this boils down to cybergrind in counterpoint to dark ambient industrial — a mouthful, I know. Body Hammer doesn’t fall into pigeonholes. Rather, we have an amalgam of influences.

On one hand, we get grindcore: Extremely short bursts of insanely fast drumming, riffing and hardcore vocals. “The Bystander Effect” and “Blue Eyed Assassin” strike like lightning from the brooding storm cloud that is this album. Nor is this cookie-cutter grindcore. Metal is a key element in the riffing, especially on tracks like “29 Second Stairway.”

On the other hand, we have a prevailing ambient element, with atmospheres of distorted guitars and distant screams. Occasionally we hear clean guitar playing a haunting eastern melody. But as suits the theme, the human element is stifled by the impending mechanical world,



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an industrial morass collapsing upon the listener. This is best achieved at “The Square Root of 964,” the closest the album comes to Black Metal: This track could have easily gone on the latest Black Funeral album.

I cannot stress enough this is challenging music, a work in and of itself, and not a soundtrack. It is a carefully crafted conception of a purgatorial spiral of the mind. Support local music and pick this up. If you dare, check out “Tetsuo the Iron Man” for a visual complement. “Jigoku” is proof new media students do much more than worship Steve Jobs and Adobe Photoshop.

Grade: A-

2010 QB class one for the ages

By Mike Brusko
For The Maine Campus

Column

The NCAA quarterback class of 2010 is one of the most impressive classes at any position in recent memory. The top three finalists for the Heisman Trophy last year were junior quarterbacks, and they all returned to play their senior season. Sam Bradford (Oklahoma) won the award while University of Texas quarterback Colt McCoy placed second. Tim Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Florida ended up third in the voting. If Tebow or Bradford wins the award this year, they will become only the second player in NCAA history to attain the honor twice. Archie

Griffin, a running back for Ohio State in the 70s, is the only person to do so thus far. For obvious reasons, there has been an endless discussion about the draft positions of the three aforementioned players. Before this year, most NFL analysts were in agreement that Bradford would be the first of the three selected and most likely the first overall player taken in the draft. His size, decision-making and experience in a pro-style offense are the main factors that set him ahead of the other two. After Bradford would come McCoy, again early in the first round because of his athleticism and efficiency. But most analysts could not come to an agreement on where Tim Tebow would be drafted. More importantly, the majority don't even know

what position he will play at the next level. Their justification is that Tebow is a thick, physical player who likes to run over linebackers and doesn't always rely on his pinpoint accuracy to be successful. In the NFL, passing windows get smaller and a quarterback is required to fit the pigskin into areas with a much lesser margin for error. There has been talk of Tebow playing H-Back or Fullback in the league. This column is dedicated to NFL draft-analysts Todd McShay and Mel Kiper Jr. If any NFL general managers are reading this column (which is as good a chance as Orlando Pace beating Usain Bolt in the 100-meter dash), you could learn a few things too. Tim Tebow is an NFL quarterback. He plays in the most competitive conference

in college football and has had consistent success since his first day in Gainesville. He has won two national championships in three years there and has been unstoppable running and throwing the football his entire career. If their reasoning is that he plays in a spread offense, something that is as uncommon in the NFL as a Ryan Leaf touchdown pass, they're being ignorant. The standard drop-back passer is gradually fading out. Tim Tebow would be a breath of fresh air for most NFL franchises because of his dual-threat ability. The wildcat has become more prevalent at the highest level and its effectiveness can't be debated. After all, what do you look for in a quarterback? If your answer isn't a guy who wins games, I wouldn't want to play for you either.



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The UMaine women's cross-country team gets off the starting line during last week's meet against the University of New Hampshire. UMaine hosts the annual Murray Keatinge Invitational this Saturday.

Frozen Fury impressive in tourney

By Brian Chalifour
For The Maine Campus

The men and women of the University of Maine ultimate frisbee team, also known as the Frozen Fury, took the field this past Sunday in the cold and rainy weather. The team was able to pull together and finish 3-2 on the day. The first game of the morning was Bowdoin College, who is always a formidable opponent in the section. Defense was a constant theme with the Frozen Fury as low scores were prominent along with zone defenses and heavy winds. In the game, the Frozen Fury jumped out and took a surprising lead, which led to taking the half. After halftime UMaine began to let the lead slip away. Vice president Russ Clark attributed the loss due to team chemistry. "We had some flow issues throughout the tournament which we will always need to

refine. But it is only the first tournament of the year." Bowdoin pulled away with a 12 - 10 victory. The players of the Frozen Fury suited up for the next game, recent rivals University of Maine at Farmington. Throughout the game, the deep threat wasn't a viable option for either team with the rain coming down and the winds picking up. Josh Kahn, after an ill-advised high release backhand in the wind, later re-deemed himself with ripping the disc out of the air for a completion. "It was difficult playing in these conditions, but I feel as though the team stepped up and managed to play solid defense throughout the tournament," Kahn said of the dramatic playing conditions. Farmington's handlers ended up being too experienced for the Fury and won the game with a final score of 8 - 5. Due to the high numbers

attending practices, the team was split into both an A and a B team. The A team consisted of more veteran players, while the B team consisted of many first-year students, those who were new to the game and veteran players who came from a local team known as Blackfly. "It's a big team, a lot of new faces. It's exciting to get everyone caught up to speed," said senior Joe Gaudet. Although the spotlight was on the A team, the B team fought very hard and ran with every opponent they faced. After Farmington, the Frozen Fury A team took on University of Maine Presque Isle, which has established a team for the first time this year. By the third game the Frozen Fury displayed what they were capable of, making diving defensive plays, accurate throws and showing the speed of their receivers. Newcomer Peter Strand made many plays that helped the Fury win the game

with a final score of 13-4. Strand later went on to receive the most valuable player of the tournament award. UMaine later kept up the theme of winning, beating the University of New England 13-6. The final game of the team pitted both A and B teams together. The contest was both amicable and intense. The veterans on team B displayed their skills while the fresh legs on Team A attempted to run the opposition into the ground. The match was a solid contention with Team A receiving the win with a score of 13-9. The Frozen Fury finished with a 3-2 record for the day, having lost two close games. The championship game consisted of Farmington edging Colby College. "I think this tournament was great for us. I am pleased with the performances of the new guys and cant wait to see what this year has in store for us," Kahn said.

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ners say. "Last weekend was not important at all. I think we got a lot out of it, though," senior Miles Bartlett said. "It gave us a chance to see the course in full

and to get a feel for what our bodies can handle on the course. We'll definitely be ready to go for Murray Keatinge." The meet will allow runners to begin turning in record-breaking performances that strategy has dictated they not try for in the last few meets. "My goal for the season was

to break 18 minutes. I was close at the dual meet, but I didn't think I'd be there yet, so I need to set up a new goal. Hopefully at Murray, I'll get that or faster," senior Jordan Daniel said. "I ran 25:11 at Murray last year ... but I'd like to break 25 so I can officially say I've gone under five minute pace,"

Bartlett said. The men's team will see the return of front-runner Riley Masters, who sat out of the dual meet as a precaution to rest a sore knee. Masters began running on Tuesday and says he'll be ready to race. The competition kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

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only with fans but also with the blue and white twirling towels. Spencer O'Neil, the committee coordinator for bylaw revisions, thinks the towels will provide even more intimidation for the opposing team rather than just

merely yelling. "It inspires me to go to a football game," O'Neil said. "I think it will rally the fans and the players. You have a stand full of Maine fans waving these things, well that would just freak me out on the field." You can buy the towels in the union or at the game on Saturday.

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UMaine men's runners take off near the starting line in last Friday's dual meet against New Hampshire. The Black Bears won the meet and host the Murray Keatinge Invitational on Saturday.

UPCOMING GAMES

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

Women's Soccer
at Vermont in Burlington, Vt.
3 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

Women's Hockey
at Providence in Providence, R.I.
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Cross Country
Murray Keating Invitational in
Orono
10 a.m. Men's start time
11 a.m. Women's start time

Women's Rugby
vs. Bowdoin in Orono
1 p.m.

Field Hockey
at New Hampshire in Durham, N.H.
2 p.m.

Women's Hockey
at Providence in Providence, R.I.
4 p.m.

Football
vs. Delaware in Orono
6 p.m.

Swimming
Blue/White meet in Orono
TBA

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Field Hockey
at Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.
1 p.m.

Women's Soccer
vs. Boston University in Orono
1 p.m.

Men's Hockey
Blue/White Exhibition in Orono
4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Women's Soccer
vs. Brown in South Berwick, Maine
7 p.m.



Terrel Walker goes through a drill in a recent practice at Alfond Stadium. The Black Bears host Delaware on Saturday.

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Senior Vanessa Letourneau runs to the finish in last weekend's meet against the University of New Hampshire. UMaine won the meet.



Brendan McKay • The Maine Campus
Senior Jordan Daniels hits the track near the end of the meet against UNH last Friday.



Brendan McKay • The Maine Campus
Senior captain Corey Bean nears the finish line of last weekend's dual meet with UNH.



Amy Brooks • The Maine Campus
Steven Barker (20) about to tackle Kendall James in a recent practice. Barker and the UMaine defense hope to shut down the University of Delaware in this weekend's conference matchup.



Olympic gold medalist Crocker visits UMaine

Portland native on hand for Sunday's Cub Tracks youth triathlon; encourages sportsmanship and good health

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Since retiring from competitive swimming after adding a third gold medal to his collection at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 27-year-old Portland, Maine, native Ian Crocker has added a new title — small business owner.

Crocker founded the Ian Crocker Swim School in Austin, Texas — where he resides and was a member of the Longhorn Aquatics elite swim team. The school's mission is to introduce water safety to children and adults, as well as to assist the technical development of competitive swimmers. A second location was recently opened in Dallas.

"After competing for 18 years, it's kind of nice to be able to be involved in swimming, but in a different capacity," Crocker said after delivering a pre-competition speech on Sunday morning to more than 150 youngsters at the University of Maine's Cub Tracks Youth Triathlon. The inaugural event on the Orono campus was sponsored by the university, Eastern Maine Medical Center and Kohl's department stores.

Crocker's business partners — three-time Olympic medalist Neil Walker and former U.S. National Champion James Fike, both University of Texas alumni — remained in Texas while Crocker traveled to Maine. The 2000 Cheverus High School graduate addressed the crowd on a damp track and recalled memories of winning state championships in UMaine's Wallace Pool. He watched the event later from the pool's deck and presented awards in the field house.

"It's great to be able to come back to Maine, because even though I've been in Texas the last nine years I still consider Maine home," Crocker said. "I want to be able to share the things that I've done with the state of Maine as much as possible, so to be able to come back and meet the next generation of young athletes, and show them medals, and encourage them on their way in their athletic careers — it's a lot of fun for me, and it's really rewarding."

Crocker's speech emphasized sportsmanship and building healthy habits at a time when the obesity rate in the United States continues to rise. He posed for pictures with young fans — many not standing half of his 6-foot-5-inch height — and

let them examine his three gold medals.

"I hope they have a fun time, a positive time with athletics today, and that they go away with the right attitude about being an athlete," Crocker said. "Having good sportsmanship, and building healthy lifestyles for themselves."

Crocker said he feels a weight has been lifted by scaling down his training regimen, and it is beneficial to his health as he approaches 30 years old. He enjoys passing on his knowledge and experience to the younger generation.

"The pressure isn't quite the same, so it's a really nice, healthy change," Crocker said. "I feel like I'm back to the innocent side of swimming — without agents, money, contracts, coach-athlete relationships that can be difficult at times."

The primary non-profit organization Crocker's business donates to is Colin's Hope, which according to its website "creates and supports programs that aid in preventing children from drowning." Crocker also assists with charity events similar to the Cub Tracks Triathlon which promote physical activity and wellness in youth.

"Drowning is the No. 1 cause

of accidental death in kids under four, and No. 2 cause in kids under 14," Crocker said. "So it's a really important safety issue to get drowning prevention awareness out there."

The swim school's website describes group, private, and semi-private lessons which are 20-30 minutes long and are open to children as young as six months old. In-pool and classroom instruction is offered in "Learn-to-swim," "Pre-competitive" and "Competitive" categories.

Crocker's parents still live in Portland, and he said he comes up to visit a couple of times each year for holidays.

"It was always challenging when I was training to be able to come up, even for just a few days, and now that I'm not training, but owning a small business — that keeps me really busy," Crocker said.

Crocker's short course world-record time of 49.07 seconds in the 100-meter butterfly still stands. He was the 2003 and 2005 World Champion in the event and the first to break 51 seconds. His five medals (3 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze) spanned three Olympic Games (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008).



Photo courtesy of Laura Reed
Olympic gold medalist swimmer Ian Crocker display his medals. The Portland, Maine, native was on hand for a youth triathlon on Sunday.

Runners eager for Murray Keatinge

By Derek McKinley
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine will host the largest cross-country meet of the year on Saturday. The Murray Keatinge Invitational is the Black Bears' signature event and a nice way for runners to test their progress going into conference and regional competitions.

"I am extremely excited for the race this weekend. Our whole team is looking forward to the new competition, and the atmosphere of Murray Keatinge is awesome," junior Vanessa Letourneau said. "We get a little more pumped up than the dual meet we just had so hopefully everyone can go out there and come out with a personal record."

The hype surrounding this meet is unlike any other regular season event, and runners are training hard this week to make a big impact. Freshman Taylor Phillips would like to see more student support for the team, who will not host another event this season.

"It's our first really big meet of the year [and] it's on our own home course, so everybody wants to run well to put on a show for the university," he said.

This year the Black Bears welcome the College of the Holy Cross, Robert Morris University and the women of Boston College. Several teams from Canada are expected to compete as well, including St. Francis Xavier University and Dalhousie University — both in Nova Scotia — and New Brunswick University. Senior captain Corey Bean is confident that UMaine will earn the team victory.

"We're approaching the meet with the attitude that we can win and should win," he said.

Running at home last weekend — even against just one team — was beneficial, the run-

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Smith, UMaine ready for CAA clash

Sophomore quarterback hopes to continue his success against Delaware

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

If there is one thing that may aid the University of Maine football team this weekend, it might be the lack of offensive game film their opponent has to prepare with.

A switch at quarterback and a change of philosophy on offense to an aggressive, heavy passing attack is a drastic difference from the conservative, dominant rushing attack that has been an identity for UMaine for several years.

The Black Bears hope to continue airing it out on and move to 2-0 in Colonial Athletic Association play when they host the University of Delaware in a key conference matchup Saturday night at 6 p.m.

After starting the season off 2-0 despite offensive struggles, the Black Bears began to rotate quarterbacks, subbing in senior starter Michael Brusko and sophomore Warren Smith. Following a loss to the University of Albany in the third game of the season, UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove made a permanent change at quarterback, naming Smith the starter and moving Brusko to a slot receiver.

In Smith's first start as a Black Bear on Saturday at Syracuse, he turned heads along with the whole UMaine offense. The strong-armed Smith threw for two touchdowns in the first half to speedster Landis Williams. UMaine was ahead 17-13 at the half against their Big East opponent.

"We did perform very well in the first half of the game and we came out with a very aggressive approach," Cosgrove said in Monday's CAA conference call. In the second half, penalties and turnovers hampered the Black Bears and Syracuse wore down UMaine outscoring them 28-7 to win the contest 41-24.

"In the second half it got away from us with their superior talent," Cosgrove said. "Credit to them as their playmakers came out and made plays."

Despite the loss, UMaine (2-2, 1-0 CAA) hung with the Orange for 35 minutes and shredded their pass defense. Smith ended up with 305 yards through the air and three touchdowns.



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Warren Smith gets taken down by the UMaine defense last season as an Iona quarterback. Smith transferred to UMaine after the season and is now the starting quarterback for the Black Bears.

He did throw two interceptions, however.

"He's got a lot to learn at the position," Cosgrove said of Smith. "He thinks he can throw it 80 yards or through a brick wall and force some things, but we're working with him."

Another FBS transfer

Coming out of high school in Exton, Pennsylvania, Pat Devlin was recruited by nearly every

major college football program in the country. After all he was

rated the fifth-best pro-style quarterback in the class of 2006 by Rivals.com, an independent recruiting website. Names on that list included Matthew Stafford at the top, the first overall pick in the 2009 NFL Draft, and Sam Bradford, the 2008 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback at the University of Oklahoma. Bradford checked in at No. 12 on the list, so it was no surprise when the highly-talented Devlin chose legendary coach Joe Pa-

terno and the Penn State Nittany Lions to go play for.

After losing the battle for the starting job last season, Devlin decided to transfer to a Football Championship Series school so that he would not have to sit out a year under NCAA rules. Naturally, he chose Delaware — the same place Joe Flacco, now the star quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens, decided to transfer in 2006.

Devlin has made his mark early as a Blue Hen, scoring 10 touchdowns in the first four

games of the year (6 passing, 4 rushing). An anemic offense last season due to sporadic quarterback play, the junior transfer hopes to have a similar impact as Flacco. Flacco led the Blue Hens to the national championship game in 2007 and became a first round pick in the NFL the following spring.

Desperate for a win

In 2008, UMaine played the

Blue Hens on the road in early October following a tough stretch of games that saw them fall to 2-3. The Black Bears grinded out a tough 27-10 victory on the road and both teams went in opposite directions from there. UMaine reeled off six straight wins and made the FCS playoffs, while the defending national runner-up plummeted to a 4-8 record and disappointing season.

This season both teams are in similar situations, both standing 2-2. Delaware lost a tough game at home to No. 1 Richmond, the defending national champions. A blocked field goal at the end of the game led to a 16-15 loss. Last Saturday, they lost at No. 5 William and Mary 30-20.

The Blue Hens, under eighth-year coach K.C. Keeler, are led offensively by Devlin who has made an instant impact since he stepped on campus. His 10 total touchdowns have sparked an offense, especially through the air where he has thrown for 923 yards already.

"They're throwing the ball more than they usually do because they are normally more of a run-based team," Cosgrove said.

The Delaware defense has played well so far this year, giving up just under 16 points per game this season. They are led by standout safety Charles Graves (2 interceptions), named to the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award.

"Delaware's defense has always been impressive to me," Cosgrove said. "I think it's a great strength to their operation and program."

The skinny

Both teams desperately need a win to have any shot at a post-season berth. With Delaware's improved passing game, it could prove problems for the young UMaine secondary although they are good at forcing turnovers. If the Black Bears can continue to develop that aerial attack that helped them so much in last week's loss, it would go a long way in determining the winner. This is basically an even matchup, so with the home field, UMaine is in a better position.

Prediction: UMaine 24, Delaware 21

Wave your Growl Tow'l

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine football team is returning home this weekend to take on Delaware. Like always, the stands will be filled with people cheering on their Black Bears as they pursue another playoff birth.

This time fans will have the chance to purchase the "Growl Tow'l" to wave around and encourage their team. Based on the popular "Terrible Towel" of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the "Growl Tow'l" will be sold this week in the Memorial Union, in the tailgating areas and at both entrances of Morse Field this Saturday. The hope is that the towel will be used at home games to help provide intimidation and pressure for the opposing team while creating a more exciting environment at the games.

The towel is the brainchild of Friends of Maine Football. While other professional football teams and even college teams have similar towels, this is the first time any intimidation towel has been used on the UMaine campus. It is being sold by members of the inter-fraternity council starting this week and will continue to be sold at future home games. The proceeds will go towards Greek Life to help further benefit fraternities. It will also benefit a charity that the Friends of Maine Football will choose at its discretion. Tavian MacKinnon, the inter-fraternity council president who has been very active in creating and marketing the towel, said this addition to home games could help encourage students and fans alike to get more into the spirit of the game.

"It's good for school spirit," MacKinnon said. "It's good to get people interested in athletics and it's part of college life."

At a cost of \$5 per towel, fans of Maine football will be able to take home a unique souvenir that can be used again and again throughout the season. The more they sell, the more exciting the stands will be. This Saturday will be the first game the towels will be unveiled, and the hope is the stands will be filled not

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